

# Playa Vista Central Park

PLAYA VISTA, CA

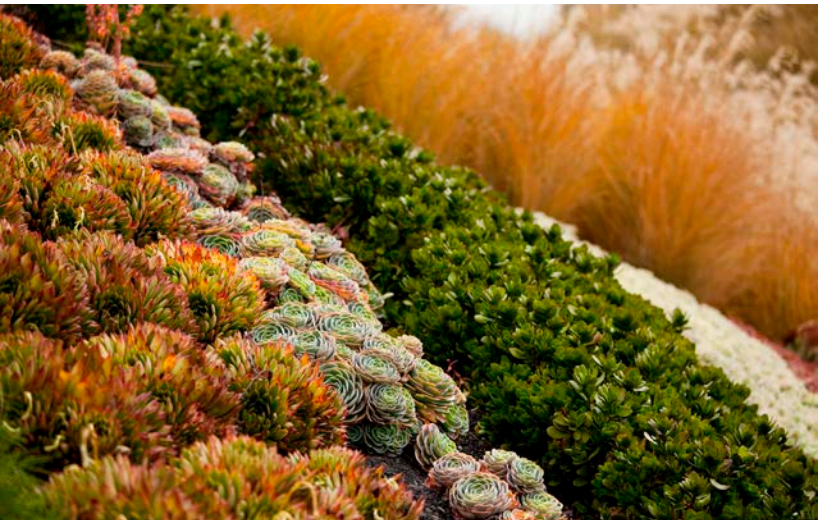
YEAR 2008-2011

SIZE 9 acres

USE Function lawn, sports courts, a playground, a soccer field, botanical gardens, water features, and a band shell.

THEMES Public Art Integration

Showcase of Regional Native and Adaptive Plants



- + The project redevelops a former Howard Hughes' Aircraft facility. The design was inspired by the foothill landscape of southern California, adding hills, mounds, and native flora.
- + 636 trees were planted and 100% native and adaptive species were used.
- + A runnel connects the park to a larger system. Water is pulled from the Los Angeles River and moved to wetland ponds, which provides aeration and filtration before being dumped into the ocean.



Conceived as a public art installation, Playa Vista Central Park is organized into a sequence of discrete landscape experiences unified by a central spine with linear bands of specimen trees. The park is structured around a function lawn and performance pavilion, surrounded by bosques of shade trees. An immersive berm garden east of the green is composed of bold installations of southern California plant material. Wide bands of specimen plantings are arranged in bold, vertical swaths that provide exuberant color and movement throughout the seasons.

